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Obey says GDP Rise Good, But Long Road to Recovery Still Ahead

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It appears the nation's on it's way to economic recovery. The Gross Domestic Product rose 3.5% in the third quarter.

While some Republicans argue whether the government's help was actually needed, Democratic Representative Dave Obey says it's now clear the country benefited greatly from the federal stimulus.

The legislator says short-term loans the country gave businesses are helping them survive, and will be repaid in the long run by a more successful workforce.

"If you can't get the economy to grow, you won't put people back to work. If you don't put people back to work, you wont see the deficit decline. We learned that during FDR's time," according to Obey.

But while the increase in the GDP may be welcome news, Representative Obey says it's not going to be permanent without more help. He says the country still has a ways to go before being completely back on its feet.

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